

## HOTELS SHOW RUSH OF FAIR VISITORS

First-Night Crowd Exceeds That of Same Night Last Year.

### RESERVATIONS FOR TO-DAY

Despite Increased Capacity, There Will Be Few if Any Vacant Rooms To-Night.

Hotel managers in Richmond agreed last night, judging from the crowd already here and from reservations made for to-day and to-morrow, that the attendance of out-of-town visitors at the State Fair this year would exceed all former records. Notwithstanding the greatly increased hotel accommodations of the city, there will be little space left for to-night for those who have not made special reservations.

We have a much better crowd already than we had on the first day of the fair last year," said Manager Weisger, of the Jefferson. "Most of our advance reservations were for Tuesday, and by Richmond Day we expect practically everything to be taken. The number of advance reservations was much better this year. We anticipated a larger attendance, and prepared for it, and from the way people have been pouring in all day, we are not disappointed."

Murphy's Nearing Capacity. Murphy's, which opened its handsome new twelve-story building last week, was almost full last night, and reservations made for to-day will take everything save a few of the most expensive rooms.

"We would have had to use the billiard tables for beds if we had had such a crowd in the old place," said the desk clerk. The basement bar and billiard-room in Murphy's Hotel were closed yesterday, and in many other details the hotel shows a more finished appearance than when first thrown open to the public last week.

At the Richmond Hotel there was a busy scene, and Manager Atkinson stated that the bulk of his reservations on account of the fair were for to-night and to-morrow. Already the fair crowd is much larger than on the first night last year.

"It's just a matter of our capacity," said the clerk at the Lexington. "We couldn't very well have a better season than we had last year, because we had a full house nearly all week. But we are taking people in just as fast as we can assign them rooms, the early demand being better than last year. From inquiries and reservations made there is no doubt that we will be right up to the limit of our capacity all week."

More in the Building. E. A. Stumpf regretted that his annex was not ready for fair visitors. It will not be completed until about the first of the year. The present hotel has a star trade that about taxes its capacity throughout the year, and had few rooms to spare for fair visitors, but everything was occupied last night.

Rueger's new ten-story building will not be ready for occupancy until about November 1, when it will form a notable addition to Richmond's list of first-class downtown hotels. Mr. Rueger said last night that his restaurant in temporary quarters across the street from the hotel, and the number of fair visitors throughout the day, and from the inquiries made he felt sure that his new building been in demand.

At every hotel the belief was expressed that the fair itself and the volume of out-of-town visitors grow bigger and better every year, and that in point of attendance the fair this year would eclipse all others. It was noticed by several of the hotel men yesterday that many of their patrons who arrived early in the day spent yesterday in shopping and in business affairs about the city, and will make their first visit to the grounds to-day.

Allowed Minor to Play Wheel. E. Goldman, operator of a casino at the Fair Grounds, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Webb W. Sydnor, of Henrico County, on a charge of enticing a minor into a game of chance. He was released on \$500 bond, and fined \$5 and costs.



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## SOLDIERS CATCH SUPPOSED BANDIT

In Skirmish Order, Scour the Country Surrounding Scene of Crime.

Stonington, Conn., October 6.—Skirmishing through the woods in the northern part of this town, United States coast artillerymen to-night captured a man believed to be one of the two masked highwaymen who to-day held up Carl A. Koeb, paymaster of the American Velvet Company, and took from him a watch containing \$1600 in coin and bills. The body was quickly recovered from a hole under a wall, into which the bag had been tossed.

The 59th artillerymen went in extended order through a cemetery in which it was thought the bandits were hiding. The men had escaped, however, and the skirmish line swept onward through a wild section of the town. Occasionally a soldier would get a glimpse of the quarry, and the pursuers would sweep onward again. The artillerymen were followed by groups of townspeople who later in the night saw the company were released from work to join the man hunt.

At dusk the soldiers encountered a civilian wearing a soldier's overcoat. The man answered in height and build the description given by Koeb of one of his assailants. He is about twenty-five years of age. The second bandit escaped.

The men apparently planned the hold-up with care. They had not anticipated that soldiers would be in the vicinity. The man who was here for a fortnight's hold would be in the vicinity. The hole into which the watch was thrown had been prepared. A part of the metal work at the handle of the bag was not covered, and it was this which attracted attention. It is supposed the robbers expected to return and secure the watch.

### DRIVES INTO BARRICADE

Negro Chauffeur Partly Overturns Heavy Seven-Passenger Touring Car.

Driving a heavy seven-passenger touring car, owned by E. R. Bittner, of 225 West Main Street, at a high rate of speed, it was said, Cornelius Williams, a negro chauffeur, collided with a barricade upon the tracks of the Richmond and Henrico Railway at Duval Street between Fourth and Fifth last night at 6:45 o'clock. The car swerved into the tracks and was partly overturned. Williams and the only other passenger in the machine, William Ellis, also colored, saved themselves from injury by jumping. Patrolman Waldrop and Motorcycle Police men Samuels were quickly on the scene and were told by witnesses that there was no excuse for Williams driving into the barricade. He was arrested on the charge of reckless driving and locked up at the Second Police Station.

The damage to the automobile was about \$100.

### MAKE NEW MOTION

Forces Opposed to Sale of Liquor at Fair Ask Revocation of License.

Attorney W. A. Willeroy, representing the forces opposed to the sale of liquor at the State Fair Grounds, appeared before Judge Scott in the Henrico County Circuit Court yesterday and made a motion that the license issued to the State Fair Association be revoked. He held that the law provides that the license must be posted conspicuously at the bar where liquor is sold, and that if sold at more than three places this provision is therefore not complied with.

Judge Scott took the matter under advisement, and will probably render a decision this morning, when it is also expected, Mr. Willeroy will make a motion for a further hearing.

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## DAZZLING SPECTACULAR IN FIRE AT FAIR

Night Display Most Brilliant and Spectacular Ever Shown Here.

### EYES BLINDED BY LIGHT

Vaudeville and Auto Polo Draw Crowds Away From the Midway.

From the minute the first gun boomed its sal for the opening of "The Battle of Santiago," the audience that completely filled the center of the grandstand at the Fair Grounds last night, was treated to a spectacular display of fireworks seldom equaled here. While the usual program was followed, the International Fireworks Company, which is staging the display this year, uncorked several sets of bombs that came as a complete surprise to the crowd.

The battle, as a battle, was rather a disappointment, as it was a setting for a beautiful and picturesque display of rockets and fixed pieces, it was a big success. As a feature it was totally eclipsed by "Niagara Falls," which was shown a few minutes later. And this in turn was outlasted by a large set piece which slowly transformed from a bed of roses into an American flag. Rockets, throwing thousands of tiny flames and myriads of sparks of every color, intermingled with gigantic pin-wheels that went circling to the breeze. Here again another surprise came. A bomb, which exploded in mid-air and looked like the ordinary rocket, slowly became luminous until the naked eye could not stand its glare, and the ground for a radius of 100 yards was as light as day.

Some Flaming Aeroplanes. Six tall poles, each holding a variety of pin-wheels, but of gigantic proportions, proved to be the starting place of flaming aeroplanes, which sailed up to a level with the grandstand, and then slowly burned out. The display wound up with thousands of Roman candles, skyrockets and bombs being set off simultaneously. As the smoke cleared away, a twenty-five-foot sign, "Au Revoir," burst into what seemed a thousand colors, and the crowd streamed into the Midway to add life to that part of the fair, which was practically deserted during the fireworks.

While the fireworks display was the spectacular feature of the free performance in front of the stand, the fire dive staged last night and the unexpected overturning of one of the four automobiles participating in the auto polo game, had the crowd on its feet. In the first act, a man and woman, after setting fire to inflammable material in which they were wrapped, dive from a platform into a tank of blazing fire.

Auto accident occurred just as the American team was about to score the second goal against the Britons, but both driver and mallet welder, were thrown clear of the car and escaped unscathed.

The attendance in the grandstand was excellent for the first night, and all seemed particularly pleased with the entertainment given. The free vaudeville show is one of the best seen here in recent years, and, with a diversified bill, will prove a drawing card.

### ANNEXATION PLAN GOES TO COUNCIL

ON OCTOBER 27

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The law is aimed at immorality and petty irritations.

Smooth-Back Have Hotel Block. The following measures reported from the Finance Committee were passed:

Transferring \$3,336.17 left over from the appropriation for paving Broad Street with asphalt, block to an account for paving with asphalt block Ninth Street between Capitol and Broad Streets.

Giving the Mayor larger powers in the conduct of the Juvenile Detention Home.

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## SAYS PROBLEMS ARE IMPOSSIBLE

Professors So Declare Two of Those Given in Examination for Annapolis.

### MANN IS TO ASK REFORMS

Declares Naval Academy Is Becoming Merely Club for Young Millionaires.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, October 6.—Two mathematical problems, taken from the examinations for entrance to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and intended for boys as young as sixteen, were submitted by Minority Leader Mann to the greatest mathematicians of the country with a request that they solve them.

The mathematicians have replied that the problems are impossible of solution, and as a result Mr. Mann will probably demand reform in the existing system of conducting examinations for entrance to the academy.

Oppose "Millionaire's Club." In this he will be supported by many prominent Democrats in the House. Representative William Schley Howard, of Georgia, for instance, has been particularly active along the same line.

The mathematicians to whom Mr. Mann submitted the questions were professors at the leading universities of the country. "The Navy Department is trying to make a millionaire's club out of the Naval Academy," said Mr. Howard to-day. "It is useless for a lad to try to get in unless he can spend the money to take a special course at one of the Naval Academy's preparatory schools, which is an expensive proposition. Eliminate preparatory schools."

"The farmers' sons, the ones we particularly want in the service, are the first to fail in the examinations, not because they are not as smart as the others, but simply because they either haven't the knowledge or the need to take these fancy courses for entrance, or they haven't the money to spend for them."

Mr. Howard has made a close study of some of the questions submitted to candidates for entrance to the academy during the past few years. One question, which was to solve a problem in trigonometry, he found could not be solved except by geometry, and the application of principles of surveying, to a level with the academy during the past few years. One question, which was to solve a problem in trigonometry, he found could not be solved except by geometry, and the application of principles of surveying, to a level with the academy during the past few years.

### Building Permits.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

Virginia Construction Company, to build two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Eighth Street between Leigh and Baker Streets, at a cost of \$1,000.

J. Helms, to repair brick dwelling at 225 Grove Avenue, at a cost of \$100.

W. H. Miller, to repair brick dwelling at 19 North Plum Street, at a cost of \$200.

Henry Taylor, Jr., trustee, to repair brick dwelling at 124 Virginia Street, at a cost of \$112.

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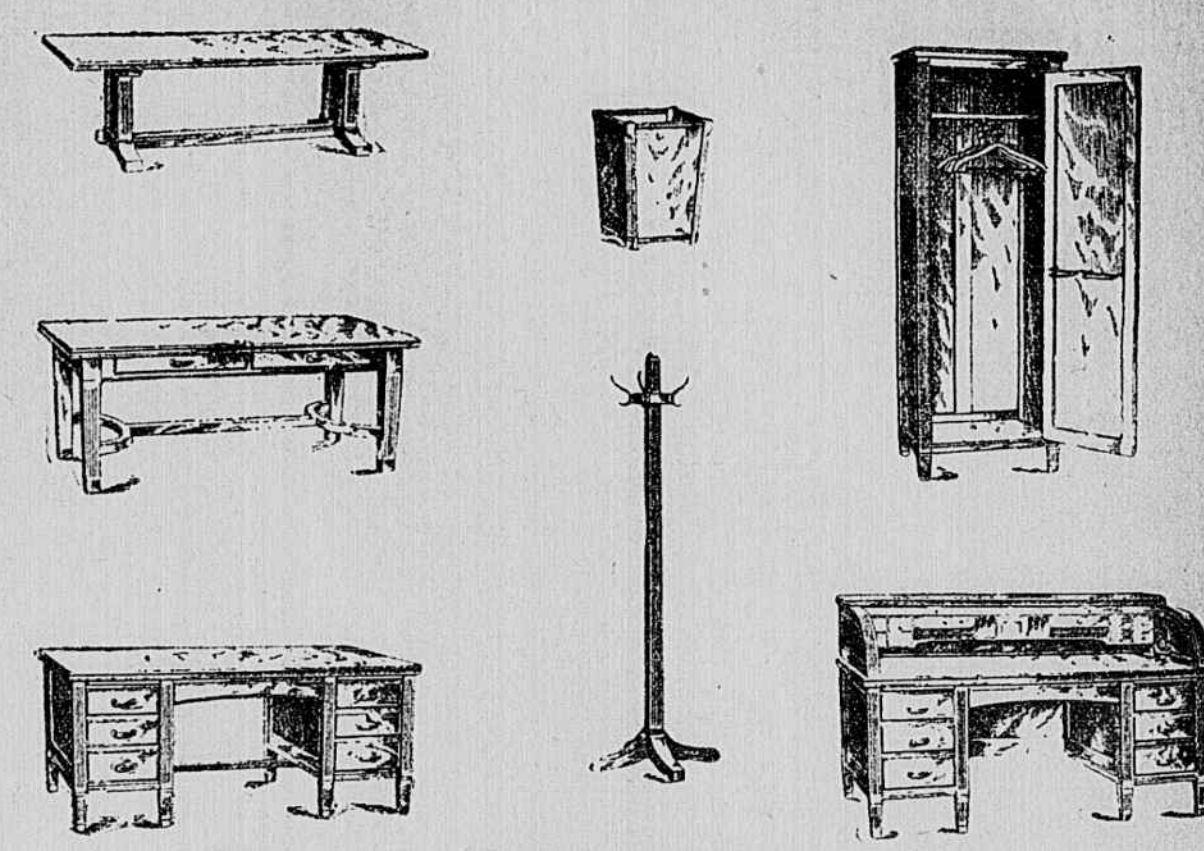
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## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street.

Petersburg, Va., October 6.

The laying of the cornerstone of the new Young Men's Christian Association building, on Union Street, postponed from last Friday afternoon, will take place to-morrow afternoon, according to the program originally arranged.

The Masonic ceremonies will begin at 1:45 o'clock, and Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall will arrive to deliver his address at 2:15 o'clock. The address will be delivered from the front porch of E. H. Patterson's residence, adjoining the Y. M. C. A. building. Vice-President Marshall will return to Washington the same afternoon. He probably will be here long enough to be driven to some points of interest in and around the city. His special desire, however, is to visit and inspect one of the large tobacco manufacturing plants, witness its operations and hear the negro hands sing. In this wish he will be gratified.

### Died in New York.

Information was received this morning of the death in New York of Mrs. Henry C. Hardy, formerly of Petersburg, and widely known and esteemed here. She was the widow of Henry C. Hardy, for several years cashier of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, and was a woman of most lovable character.

### New Sunday School Organized.

Under the direction of the Baptist City Mission Board a morning Sunday school was organized yesterday at Halifax Street Baptist Chapel, with thirty-three persons present. This is regarded as a remarkably good beginning, as many of the large Sunday schools in the city were organized with a much smaller beginning. Much enthusiasm prevailed, and the following officers were elected: superintendent, Dr. C. E. Dodd; assistant superintendent, G. C. Rogers; secretary, F. Cotten; assistant secretary and treasurer, D. W. Barnhill; musical director, W. W. Crowder; organist, Mrs. C. S. Dodd.

### Attempted Suicide.

A young white woman, known as Willa Dinkins, probably tired of life, attempted to commit suicide last night by swallowing antiseptic tablets. Her life was saved by Dr. W. P. Hoy, who was called to attend her.

### Personal Intelligence.

Marcus Bull, agent of the Southern Express Company in this city, has been granted leave of absence from duty for a month for rest and restoration of his health. Mr. Bull has somewhat broken down under his hard work. He left for Virginia Beach this morning.

R. R. Totty and wife, W. H. Hattery and wife, Dr. H. G. Leigh, Henry Heinemann, Robert Hennessy and several others left for New York to-night to witness the world's series of baseball games.

### Judge Southall held a session of the Circuit Court of Petersburg, in vacation, to-day, and heard argument in a slavery case removed from Dinwiddie County.

The Rev. George C. Zeigler left this morning for Kenbridge, Va., to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings.

### Convicted on Two Charges.

In the Police Court this morning, Charles Scott, negro, was convicted of breaking into the farmhouse of his own father, in Pocahontas, stealing half a dozen bunches of fish, and was sent to the Petersburg Court for trial. He was also convicted of the larceny of a countryman's valise, at the Norfolk

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### PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM SURRY COUNTY JAIL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Surry Courthouse, Va., October 6.—Two colored prisoners in Surry County Jail knocked Sheriff Ben Edwards down and escaped. They grabbed his pistol and made their escape to the woods. A posse went after them immediately. The wounded prisoner was captured, but the other escaped. Dr. Astroppe says the bullet entered just under the heart and is a bad wound. He was hurried to the hospital. Late to-night nothing more had been heard of the other prisoner.

### GIVES VAST SUM TO MISSION CAUSE

Synod of North Carolina Raises \$112,000 for Use in Foreign Field.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Greensboro, N. C., October 6.—Although it will not be made public until Wednesday, it is known that the Synod of North Carolina of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which convened in its 100th annual session this evening in this city, has raised during the past year \$112,000 over what was contributed by the synod to that cause the year previous. It is not probable that this contribution to foreign missions will be exceeded by any single church body in the South this year, and it will be equaled by few if any.

The Synod of North Carolina convened this evening in the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Rev. C. L. Bragaw, of Broadway, N. C., conducted the opening devotional service. The retiring moderator, Rev. W. MacD. White, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Raleigh, then preached the opening sermon.

After the sermon the synod was constituted by prayer, Dr. White leading the prayer. The stated clerk, Rev. D. I. Crile, D. D., called the names of the ministers and ruling elders who constituted the membership of the body and enrolled the names of those present.

"The next business to come before the synod was the election of the moderator of this session. Rev. J. Melver Wicker, of St. Paul, N. C., placed in nomination Rev. M. G. Shields, of Greensboro, and Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., of Charlotte. On motion, the vote for moderator was taken by the members of the synod standing instead of by the calling of the roll. The vote stood 117 for Mr. Shields and 61 for Dr. McGeehan.

Rev. E. L. Siler, of Montreat, and Rev. J. B. Sumners, of Concord, were elected honorary clerks. The hours for meeting and adjournment were then announced.

### adjustment of the daily sessions were fixed, and several Presbyterian ministers of other synods were presented and received as corresponding members, and ministers of other denominations were received as visiting members. Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., of Richmond, member of the Synod of Virginia, was among those received as corresponding members.